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Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract found on page 14 of the application with the amended Abstract set forth below:

ABSTRACT

Title: ~~An I/O expansion system and a connector therefor~~

An I/O expansion system comprises a female connector [[(10; 100)]] for operative connection to a baseboard, and an add-in card [[(40)]] having a male connector [[(44)]] on a first edge for receipt by the female connector [[(10; 100)]] and a notch [[(48)]] for receipt of a retention formation [[(28; 108)]] of the connector [[(10; 100)]]. It further includes a carriage part [[(20; 102)]] movable along the length of the female connector [[(10; 100)]] and providing support for the retention formation [[(28; 108)]].

Fig. 1